

extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.”

Sergeant First Class Jose Rodela served our country valiantly, and should be honored as such. As a nation, there is no better symbol of our gratitude than the Medal of Honor. Because of his commitment, America remains a land of hope, opportunity and, as Ronald Reagan so eloquently put it, “a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere.”

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN’S UNIVERSITY CLUB

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 9, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Women’s University Club in Seattle. For a century this commendable organization has been a steadfast leader within the women’s movement and a critical source of education and empowerment for women throughout Seattle and the United States.

Since its founding in 1914, WUC has continuously broadened its reach throughout the community to meet increasing demand for social and educational fulfillment. What started as a small, local establishment to network and learn grew into a treasured institution with 900 current members representing over 400 dif-

ferent colleges and universities. The home of WUC, which was built in 1922, proudly stands today as a local and national historical landmark.

I applaud WUC for generously committing its resources to scholarships and community service. Since 2003, 31 scholarships have been awarded to deserving young women seeking to pursue higher education. WUC helps keep the American Dream alive by providing hard-working individuals with the networking and educational opportunities to permanently improve their lives. With the publication of a commemorative book, *The First 100 Years: Women’s University Club of Seattle, 1914–2014*, WUC shares the rich tapestry of its first century and reaffirms its commitment to remain a stalwart presence in the community for the future.

I would like to convey my sincere congratulations to WUC on its proud centennial and express my heartfelt gratitude for all the WUC has done over this last century.